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In re application of

Mechteld G.M. RUTTEN

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Examiner Jes F. Pascua

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated November 21, 2002, Applicant submits the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action of November 21, 2002 has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. In a Preliminary Amendment, dated September 21, 2001, Applicant submitted new claims 14-23. Since original claims 1-13 were amended during Chapter II proceedings by substituting new claims 1-11 in a letter dated May 21, 2001, Applicant began

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